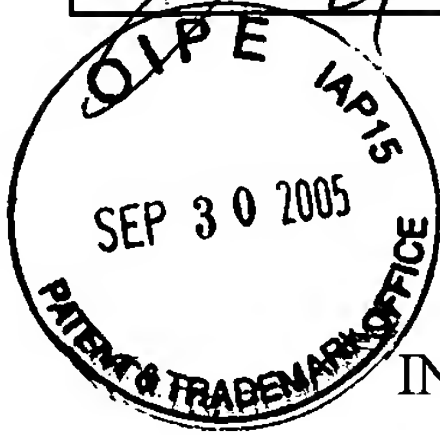


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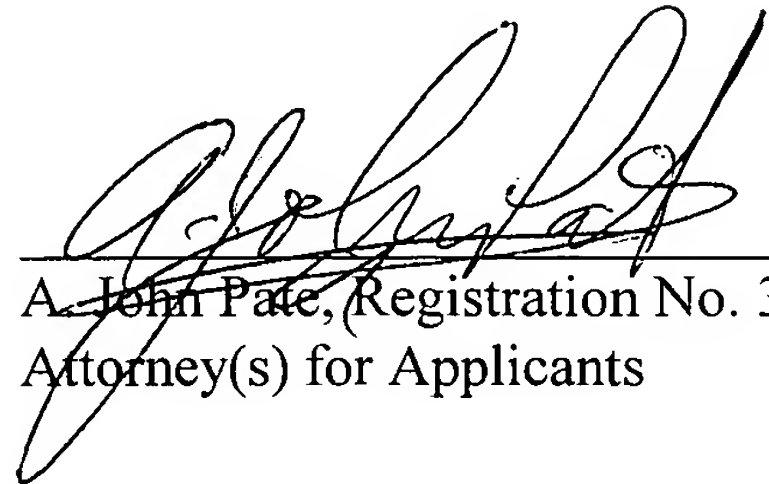
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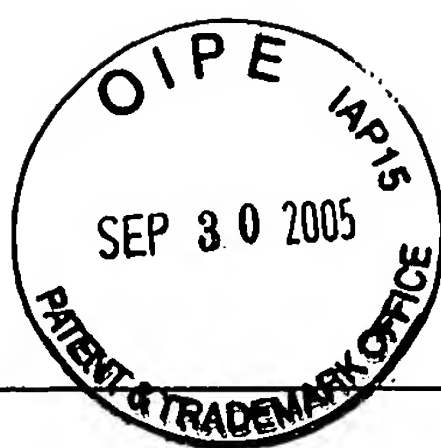
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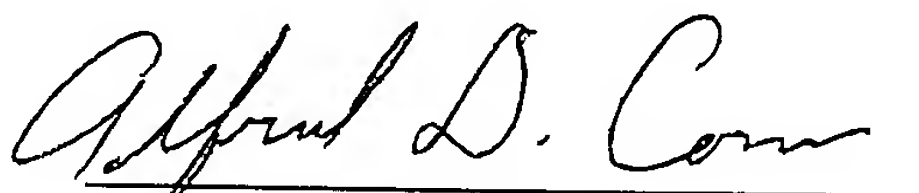
I, Alfred D. Commins, the inventor named in the above-identified patent application, hereby declare: that I am a citizen of the United States; that my residence and post office address is 91 Douglas Road, Friday Harbor, Washington 98250; that I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention or discovery for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in the above-identified application; that the subject matter of the amendments dated August 11, 2004, February 16, 2005, and June 28, 2005, was part of my invention and was invented before the filing of the original, above-identified patent application; that I have reviewed and

understand the contents of the specification of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by the amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby claim the benefit under Section 119 of Title 35 of the United States Code of the earlier filed U.S. Patent Application No. 09/882,884 filed June 15, 2001 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,625,945 on September 30, 2002, and claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/223,758, filed August 8, 2000; and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the earlier filed pending application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the earlier filed application and the filing date of this application.

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